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REFERENCE:

ARMY BARRACKS
CHERNOOZERSKOYE, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

MILITARY BUILDUP IN A STRATEGIC LOCATION NEAR
THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER.

2. LOCATION:

IN THE TRANSBAYKAL MILITARY DISTRICT, 17 NM SSE
OF BORZYA, 13 NM NNW OF DAURIYA, AND 17 NM NNW
OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE USSR - CHINA -
MONGOLIAN BORDERS.

3. REMARKS:

THE AREA AROUND WHICH THE BORDERS OF THE USSR,
MONGOLIA, AND CHINA CONVERGE HAS LONG BEEN OF
STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO THE SOVIET UNION. IN
1939 MARSHAL ZHUKOV DECISIVELY REPULSED THE
JAPANESE IN TANK BATTLES IN THE AREA WHERE
MONGOLIA JUTS INTO MANCHURIA. DURING WORLD WAR II,
EASTERN MONGOLIA AND DAURIYA, TRANSBAYKAL WERE
THE JUMP-OFF POINTS FOR THE 1945 SOVIET OFFENSIVE
AGAINST THE JAPANESE FORCES IN MANCHURIA. THE
MAIN EFFORT OF THE TRANSBAYKAL FRONT WAS PROVIDED
BY THE 6 GUARDS TANK ARMY.

THE GRADUAL MILITARY BUILDUP OF SOVIET FORCES
ALONG THE CHINESE BORDER HAS BEEN EVIDENT IN THE

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TRANSBAYKAL MILITARY DISTRICT, INDICATING THAT THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO REGARD THIS AREA AS A VITAL LINK IN THEIR CHAIN OF BORDER DEFENSES. A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE EQUIPMENT LEVELS AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF THE 4 TANK DIVISIONS NOW LOCATED NEAR THE MONGOLIAN AND MANCHURIAN BORDERS. THREE OF THESE DIVISIONS ARE ON THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE RAIL LINE WHICH RUNS FROM CHITA THROUGH DAURIYA TO HARBIN IN MANCHURIA. CHERNOOZERSKOYE IS ASTRIDE THIS RAIL LINE, 1 OF THE 2 WHICH CROSS THE COMMON FRONTIER OF THE USSR AND CHINA. A GREAT DEAL OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION APPARENT IN THE DISTRICT IS TAKING PLACE AT INSTALLATIONS LOCATED ALONG THE RAIL LINE.

HOWEVER, KH-4 COVERAGE OF CHERNOOZERSKOYE SINCE 1962 HAS REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AT THE INSTALLATION UNTIL THIS MISSION. FURTHERMORE, A NEW PROBABLE MILITARY INSTALLATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED SOUTHEAST OF TOWN.

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5. FIRST
IDENTIFICATION:

BUILDUP: THIS MISSION

6. NEGATION DATE:

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7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

NONE

8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

NONE

9. MISSION READOUT:

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CONFINES OF MILITARY ACTIVITY WITHIN CHERNOOZERSKOYE. HOWEVER, 3 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 1 PROBABLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND 2 SMALL SECURED AREAS CONTAINING 4 VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED. AN AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATED AT THE SW EDGE OF TOWN CONTAINS 45 BUILDINGS (14 OF WHICH ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION), 2 LARGE AND 2 SMALL VEHICLE PARKS, A PROBABLE BIVOUAC AREA WITH APPROXIMATELY 80 TENTS, AND EXTENSIVE GROUND SCARRING. OB: APPROXIMATELY 120 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND APPROXIMATELY 80 PROBABLE VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

A NEW PROBABLE MILITARY INSTALLATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS LOCATED 3 NM SE OF CHERNOOZERSKOYE ARMY BARRACKS. THIS RAIL-SERVED, PARTIALLY SECURED AREA CONTAINS 6 SMALL PROBABLE BARRACKS, 10 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, 1 LONG EXCAVATION FOR A POSSIBLE BUILDING, 10 LARGE POSSIBLE TENTS AND GROUND

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SCARRING. OB: APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT AND 5
PROBABLE RAIL CARS.

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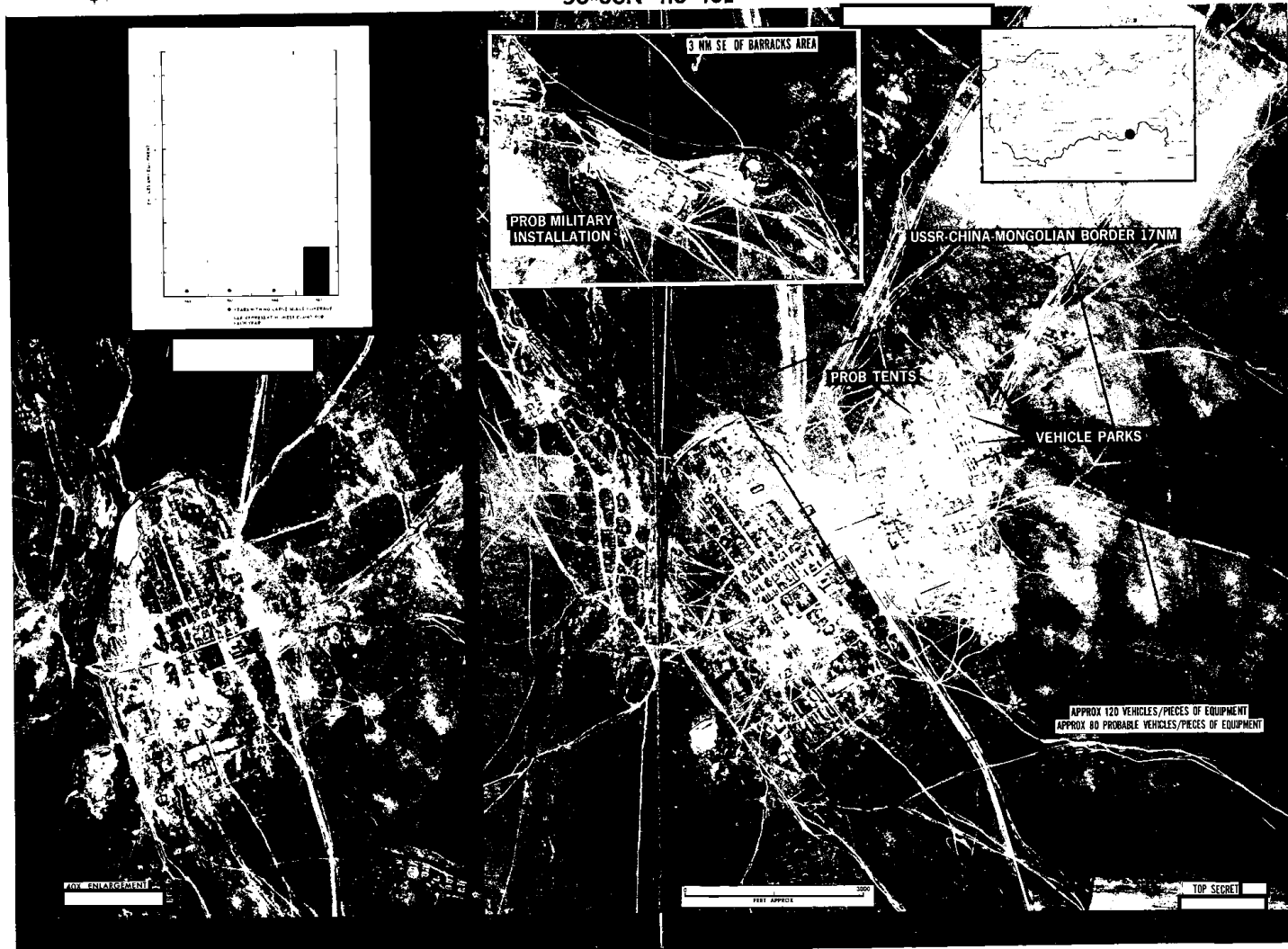
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